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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6092
BILL NUMBER: SB 2

DATE PREPARED: Oct 19, 2001
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence in Schools.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

(A) Requires a United States flag to be displayed in each classroom of a school corporation.

(B) Requires a school corporation to provide a daily opportunity for students to voluntarily recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Provides an exemption for those students who choose (or whose parents choose for them) not to participate in the pledge. Requires a school corporation to establish the daily observance of a one minute period of silence in each classroom. Provides for enforcement by the classroom teacher.

(C) Repeals a current law allowing an optional brief period of silent prayer or meditation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (A) If a school district is not in compliance with this section of the bill, the district would be required to purchase enough United States flags to be displayed in each classroom of the schools in the school district. The impact would depend on action of each individual school district.

Background: There are currently 294 school districts in Indiana, with approximately 1,900 public schools.

Prices of American Flags: Information obtained from flag retailers indicates that American flags can be purchased for prices ranging from \$1 to \$11 each, depending upon flag size and order quantities.

(B): No Fiscal Impact.

(C): No Fiscal Impact.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School Districts.

Information Sources: Anyflag.com; Tidmoreflags.com; Martin's Flag Company.